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IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strike through~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 2, 20 and 21 in accordance with the following:

1. (CANCELLED)

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information presentation device in which a user terminal on a network retrieves products or services candidates based on a chosen search parameter and a value for the that-match search parameter entered parameters designated by a ~~the user of the user terminal~~, said information presentation device comprises:

accepting means for accepting a selection of a product or service that is included in said products or services that were retrieved based on a value entered by a user for a first search parameter of a first group of the search parameters designated by the user,

parameter storage means for

storing said first search parameter and the entered value parameters for the selected product or service as a first candidate for purchase,

storing information regarding the first candidate for purchase selected product or service information, and

storing user identification information that identifies said user terminal; ~~and~~ user reference request accepting means for accepting user reference requests from a first group of computer terminals on said network;

parameter providing means for

extracting from said parameter storage means

a first user identification information identifying said first user terminals that have selected a first ~~product as a~~ candidate for purchase that is provided by an administrator of a provider terminal included in said first computer terminals, and

first search parameters and values that each of said first user terminals has entered for set to said first product, and

providing ~~them the~~ information to said provider terminal;

information setting means for receiving from said provider terminal

the a designation of user identification information included in said first user

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identification information provided to said provider terminal, and

presented product information settings for said candidate of said designated user identification information;

product information storage means for storing

said designated user identification information, said first candidate information product, and the presented product information that was set; and

information presentation means for

receiving a purchase candidate reference request from a designated user terminal identified by said designated user identification information,

extracting from said parameter storage means second candidates for purchase that correspond to said designated user identification information,

extracting said presented product information set for said first product or service that is included in said second candidates for purchase from said product information storage means, and

providing the extracted second candidates for purchase and ~~said product~~ presented information to said designated user terminal,

wherein the second candidates for purchase include the first candidate and other candidates.

3. -4. (CANCELLED)

5. (WITHDRAWN) The information presentation device according to claim 2, further comprising first parameter providing means for receiving a purchase candidate reference request from said user terminal, extracting candidates for purchase that correspond to the user identification information for the user terminal that made the request, and providing the extracted candidates for purchase and the search parameters to said user terminal that made the request.

6. (WITHDRAWN) The information presentation device according to Claim 5, further comprising:

change means for receiving changes to the search parameters provided to said user terminal that made the request;

candidate update means for updating the candidates for purchase that correspond to the user identification information of said user terminal that made the request, based upon the changed search parameters; and

second parameter providing means for providing updated candidates for purchase and

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new search parameters to said user terminal that made the request.

7. (WITHDRAWN) The information presentation device according to Claim 5, further comprising:

purchase means for receiving designations of products or services included in the candidates for purchase from said user terminal and purchase designations;

purchase history storage means for storing the designated products or designated services received by said purchase means, and a user identification information identifying the user terminal that made the designations;

user reference request receiving means for receiving a user reference request from said first computer terminals on said network; and

purchase information presentation means for extracting from said parameter storage means a first user identification information identifying a first user terminals that have selected products or services as candidates for purchase that are provided by the administrator of a provider terminal included in said first computer terminals, and search parameters that each of said first user terminals has set to said products or services, generating a purchase information that indicates whether or not each of said first user terminals has completed a purchase of said products or said services based on the purchase history storage means, and providing the extracted first user identification information, the extracted search parameters, and the generated purchase information to said provider terminal.

8. (WITHDRAWN) The information presentation device according to Claim 7, wherein said purchase history storage means further stores said first identification information that identifies said first computer terminals and said designated products correlatively; and

said information presentation device further comprises history dissemination means for providing the purchase history of the products that said administrator of said provider terminal provides.

9. (WITHDRAWN) The information presentation device according to claim 3, further comprising an agent terminal storage means for correlatively storing third identification information for representing second computer terminals that is included in said first computer terminals, and for identifying third computer terminals that are included in said first computer terminals, and a second identification information that identifies second computer terminals that are represented by each of said third computer terminals identified by said third identification information.

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10. (WITHDRAWN) The information presentation device according to claim 3, further comprising an agent terminal storage means for correlatively storing third identification information for representing second computer terminals that is included in said first computer terminals, and for identifying third computer terminals that are included in said first computer terminals, and second identification information that identifies second computer terminals that are represented by each of the third computer terminals identified by said third identification information;

agent parameter storage means for storing agent parameters for agent terminals that are included in said third computer terminals to represent provider terminals that are included in said second computer terminals, together with said third identification information for said agent terminals and said second identification information for said provider terminals; and

an agent means for receiving a connection request from said second computer terminals or said third computer terminals, setting up said connection or rejecting said connection according to said agent parameters.

11. (WITHDRAWN) An information presentation method used in a computer, that retrieves products or services that match search parameters selected by user terminals on a network and presents them to said user terminals, said information presentation method comprising the steps of:

receiving a selection of any product or service that is included in the products or services retrieved; and

storing the search parameters that retrieved the products or services as candidates for purchase together with user identifying information that identifies said user terminal.

12. (WITHDRAWN) A computer program product for an information presentation and for being employed in a computer that retrieves products or services that match search parameters selected by user terminals on a network and presents them to said user terminals, comprising:

receiving means for receiving a selection of any product or service that is included in the products or services retrieved; and

parameter storing means for storing the search parameters that retrieved the products or services as candidates for purchase together with user identifying information that identifies said user terminals.

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13.-15. (CANCELLED)

16. (WITHDRAWN) An information presentation device for a user terminal on a network in which a user retrieves products or services that match search parameters designated by the user, the information presentation device comprising:

a first controller accepting a selection of a product or a service that is included in the products or the services that were retrieved based on the search parameters designated by the user based on the search parameters designated by the user; and

a first storage storing the search parameters of the selected product or service as a purchase candidate together with user identification information that identifies the user terminal.

17. (WITHDRAWN) The information presentation device according to claim 16, further comprising:

an acceptor accepting a user reference request from a first group of computer terminals on the network; and

a second controller extracting from the first storage a first user identification information identifying the first group of user terminals that have selected a first product as a candidate for purchase that is provided by an administrator of a provider terminal included in the first group of computer terminals, and search parameters that each of the first user terminals in the first group of computer terminals has set to the first product, and providing the first user identification information and the search parameters to the provider terminal.

18. (WITHDRAWN) The information presentation device according to claim 17, further comprising:

an information setter receiving from the provider terminal identification information of a designated user included in the first user identification information provided to the provider terminal, and product information settings for the designated user identification information;

a second storage storing the identification information of the designated user, the first product information, and the product information that was set; and

a third controller receiving a purchase candidate reference request from a terminal of the designated user identified by the identification information of the designated user, extracting from the parameter storage candidates for purchase that correspond to the identification information of the designated user, extracting the product information set for said first product that is included in the candidates for purchase from the second storage, and providing the extracted candidates for purchase and said product information to the terminal of the designated

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user.

19. (WITHDRAWN) An information presentation device, comprising:

correlating means for correlating search parameters designated by a user for searching products and services, identification information of the user, and product or service information; and

outputting means for outputting a purchase candidate.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information presentation device in which a user terminal on a network retrieves products or services candidates based on a chosen search parameter and a value for the that match search parameters parameter entered designated by the user of the user terminal, said information presentation device comprising:

an acceptor accepting a selection of a product or service that is included in said products or services that were retrieved based on a value entered by a user for a first search parameter of a first group of the search parameters designated by the user;

a parameter storage

storing said first search parameter and the entered value search parameters for the selected product or service as a first candidate for purchase,

storing information regarding the first candidate for purchase selected product or service information, and

storing user identification information that identifies said user terminal; and

a user reference request acceptor accepting user reference requests from a first group of computer terminals on said network;

a parameter provider

extracting from said parameter storage

a first user identification information identifying said first user terminals that have selected a first ~~product as a~~ candidate for purchase that is provided by an administrator of a provider terminal included in said first computer terminals, and

first search parameters and values that each of said first user terminals has entered for set to said first candidate product, and

providing ~~them the information~~ to said provider terminal[[,]];

an information setter receiving from said provider terminal

~~the a~~ designation of user identification information included in said first user identification information provided to said provider terminal, and

product presented information settings for said candidate of said designated user

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identification information;

a product information storage storing

said designated user identification information, said first candidate information
product, and the product presented information ~~that was set~~; and

an information presenter

receiving a purchase candidate reference request from a designated user
terminal identified by said designated user identification information,

extracting, from said parameter storage, second candidates for purchase that
correspond to said designated user identification information,

extracting said presented product information set for said first product or service
that is included in said second candidates for purchase from said product information storage,
and

providing the extracted second candidates for purchase and said presented
~~product~~ information to said designated user terminal,

wherein the second candidates for purchase include the first candidate and other
candidates.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An information presentation device in which a user
terminal of a plurality of user terminals on a network retrieves product or service candidates
~~products or services that match settable~~ based on values of entered by a user of the respective
user terminal for changeable search parameters designated by a user of the respective user
terminal, said information presentation device comprising:

an acceptor accepting a selection of a product or service that is included in said products
or services that were retrieved based on a value entered by a user of the respective user
terminal for a first changeable search parameter ~~parameters that is part of a first group of search~~
~~parameters designated by the user of the respective user terminal;~~

a parameter storage storing said ~~changeable-first~~ search parameters ~~parameter and the~~
entered value for the selected product or service that is as a first candidate for purchase, storing
information regarding the first candidate ~~selected product or service information~~, and storing
user identification information that identifies said user terminal;

a user list reference request acceptor accepting user list reference requests from a group
of computer terminals on said network;

a parameter provider

extracting from said parameter storage user identification information identifying
those user terminals that have selected a first ~~certain product or service as a~~ candidate for

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purchase that is provided by an administrator of a provider terminal, and

extracting a set first search parameter and value that is entered by the respective user for of those first search parameters of the first group of changeable search parameters that each of said user terminals has entered for the first candidate set for said selected product or service, and

providing the extracted information set values to said provider terminal;

an information setter receiving from said provider terminal ~~the~~ designation of user identification information included in said user identification information provided to said provider terminal, and presented product information settings associated with for said candidate of said designated user identification information;

a product information storage storing said designated user identification information, identification of said first candidate product or service, and the search parameter and entered value product or service information that was set; and

an information presenter

receiving a purchase candidate reference request from a designated user terminal identified by said designated user identification information,

extracting, from said parameter storage, second candidates for purchase that correspond to said designated user identification information,

extracting said ~~product or service presented~~ information set for said product or service that is included in said first candidates for purchase from said product or service information storage, and

providing the extracted second candidates for purchase and presented information associated with said second candidates ~~said product or service information~~ to said designated user terminal,

wherein the second candidates for purchase include the first candidate and the other candidates.